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## Letters to the Editor

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## From Your (I-love-fall) Editor:

Every year about this time I question my sanity. So much is going on! But the weather always rejuvenates me. It's almost cool outside and you may even need a sweater.

Well, this issue of *ATG* is another great one. The incredible **Kristen DeVoe** has put together a series of eight papers on **changing workflows in technical services**. And boy, are they all right on! You'll also find that most of the authors in our "features section" have provided a behind-the-author-look in their "people profiles."

**Tony Ferguson's Back Talk** is about Freedom to Read and **President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's** speech at **Columbia University**, and **Mark Herring** vents about **eBooks** in our **Op Ed**. This issue's interview is with **Laura Dawson**, Consultant to the Book and Library Industries, and Founder of **Bloggapedia**. **Bryan Carson's "Legally Speaking"** is about **Virtual Copyright: The Applicability and Ownership of Copyright in Second Life**, while **Bruce Strauch** asks, **Can CAN-SPAM Can SPAM?**

**Michelle Flinchbaugh** is back as our column editor for "**Biz of Acq**"

and she provided us with two great articles for this issue. Unfortunately, you'll only find one of them in this issue of *ATG* since we ran out of space. We promise to run more "**Biz**" in our next issue, so stay tuned! And speaking of column editors, don't miss **Sandy Thatcher's "Anachronisms or Innovators? Reflections on University Presses As Portrayed in the Ithaka Report"** in his regular column. Another regular, **Peter Shepherd**, has more on **COUNTER**, and let's not forget our hard-working review staff, **Tom Gilson**, and **Debbie Vaughn**, who also submitted copy that we were forced to save for our December-January issue.

Plus, there really is much more, even though we had to hold over several columns for the next *ATG*. Be sure and renew your subscription so you don't miss anything! And watch for the **new online ATG** coming soon to your desktop!

Gotta run. My cell phone and land lines are both ringing and it's time to rake the leaves outside.

Happy fall! Yr. Ed. 🍂



## Letters to the Editor

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Please send letters/emails to <KStrauch@comcast.net>. — Yr. Ed. 🍂



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2007 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 07/Jan. 08	11/21/07	12/05/07
2008 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
Annual Report, PLA	February 2008	12/12/07	01/09/08
MLA, Book Expo	April 2008	02/20/08	03/05/08
SLA, ALA Annual	June 2008	04/16/08	04/30/08
Reference Publishing	September 2008	07/16/08	07/30/08
Charleston Conference	November 2008	09/03/08	09/17/08
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 08/Jan. 09	10/29/08	11/19/08

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which he founded. Sounds like it was great fun!

Just back from the **Fifth Readex Digital Institute** in Chester, Vermont. It's another world up there. No traffic lights, no one locks their doors, the flowers are beautiful and the leaves in autumn are spectacular.

Speaking of spectacular, the digitizing setup at **Readex** (it's in an old funeral home) is impressive. The scanning is done with the **Kirtas technology**. And, guess what? **Lotfi Belkhir** the founder and CEO of **Kirtas** is speaking at the **Charleston Conference** on Thursday from 3-3:50. He will tell us all about it!

At the **Readex Institute** (above) there was a lot of talk about "sustainability." Anyway, speaking of sustainability, the **National Science Foundation (NSF)** and the **Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** are funding a blue-ribbon task force to address the issue of **economic sustainability for digital preservation and persistent access**. The Task Force will be co-chaired by **Fran Berman**, director of the **San Diego Supercomputer Center at University of California, San Diego** and a pioneer in data cyberinfrastructure; and **Brian Lavoie**, an economist with strong interests in data preservation, and research scientist with **OCLC Programs and Research**, **OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc.** The **Blue Ribbon Task Force on Sustainable Digital Preservation and Access** will also include support by the **Library of Congress**, the **National Archives and Records Administration**, the **Council on Library and Information Resources**, and the **Joint Information Systems Committee of the United Kingdom**. Founded in 1985, the **San Diego Supercomputer Center (SDSC)** enables international science and engineering discoveries through advances in computational science and high performance computing. [www.sdsc.edu/index.html](http://www.sdsc.edu/index.html). [www.oclc.org](http://www.oclc.org).

And, speaking of the **SDSC** (above), **Robert McDonald** from the **SDSC** will be speaking on Saturday morning from 9-9:45. Check it out. The entire program is loaded at [www.katina.info/conference](http://www.katina.info/conference).

And speaking of the **2007 Charleston Conference** – AAAARRRRRRGGGG! It is coming up! And there are so many, countless people who make it what it is! **Beth Bernhardt** <beth\_bernhardt@uncg.edu> has single-handedly fixed the program (have you looked at it?). **Regina Semko** <semkor@cofc.edu> has done all the registrations herself and the local arrangements as well, **Leah Hinds** <leah\_hinds@hotmail.com> has handled the Website, the Sponsorships, and the Juried Product Development Forums, and **David Lyle** <david@katina.info> our IT Director has cleaned up all of the messes that we have made with the computer files and Conference registration information. And, you know what? These people are just the tip of the iceberg. Putting on a Conference is not as easy as you might think! You heard it here!

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